

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation would allow children turning age five during a calendar year with birthdates between September 1st and December 31st to enroll in public kindergarten if the parent/guardian and the local education agency have determined the child is school ready.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this legislation is de minimis. The current kindergarten support unit divisor is 40, requiring 40 students in average daily attendance in the same school district to generate 1 additional support unit. Based on feedback from various school districts around the state they anticipate only a small number of children would be eligible with the new provision. These small numbers spread around the state would not be enough to generate a whole support unit in the school districts they attend. The FY 2022 estimated statewide average support unit value is \$113,000, this would result in a fiscal impact of \$113,000 per support unit generated. It is also estimated that children using this provision will eventually graduate high school a year early, so ultimately there will be a net zero cost to the state.

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